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lead its readers to suppose it real; and this fault is characteristic of other parts of the work. Again, the author's interpretation of some passages is more than doubtful, and he indulges in spiritualizing to an alarming extent. In the latter part of the book there are not so many of these blemishes, and the narrative is made much more interesting. The Mission of Jonah related in connection with the river Hiddekel is very good, though not adapted to the young.

The archæological and historical matter is generally reliable and well put; and it seems a pity that there is so much to condemn. The style of the book is such, however, that it will not reach those for whom it was intended, as its language is not plain enough, and its rhetoric is too flowery to be pleasing, while the moral reflections are generally introduced in a way which repels rather than attracts.

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### EVENTS AND EPOCHS IN RELIGIOUS HISTORY.\*

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This book contains the substance of the lectures delivered in the Lowell Institute during the winter of 1880. The ground covered extends from the early beginnings of Christianity as seen in the Catacombs at Rome down to the time of John Wesley and the foundation of Methodism.

Mr. Clarke has in these lectures, as in his other works, shown his power of seizing upon the salient points of a subject and presenting them vividly to the mind. The topics discussed are the Catacombs, Buddhist Monks and Christian Monasticism (these being peculiarly good resumés of their subjects), the Mystics, the Huguenots; while the lectures include short sketches of Augustine, Anselm, Bernard, Jeanne D'Arc, Savonarola, Loyola, George Fox, and John Wesley.

The lectures are fresh, interesting, and most instructive, giving the results of the latest investigations in the respective topics studied. The book is gotten up in the best manner, and presents an attractive appearance. The fourteen plates which illustrate the work, particularly the reproductions of the Catacombs, the Buddhist Rock Temples, and the plans of the Christian Monasteries, add much to its value. It is a valuable contribution to the study of comparative religions.

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